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RALEIGH, N. C., November 10, 1880.

THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA met according to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday, November 10th, 1880, at 7½ P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator, the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, from Romans i:16: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk from the Committee of Enrollment presented the Roll of the Synod as far as completed, and other members were enrolled.

The following members were present during the sessions of the Synod:

I.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
ROBERT BURWELL, (3)		
TH. U. FAUCETTE,		
J. M. ATKINSON, D.D.,	T. A. Kingsley,	*Raleigh, Second.*
P. H. DALTON,	C. W. Johnston,	*New Hope.*
J. H. SMITH, D.D.,	C. G. Yates,	*Greensborough.*
F. H. JOHNSTON,		
D. E. JORDAN,	Sam'l Watkins, (2)	*Henderson.*
	W. R. Wilson,	*Nutbush.*
J. C. ALEXANDER,	David Wharton,	*Buffalo.*
	J. A. McLean,	*Bethel.*
C. H. WILEY,		

NOTE—The figure after a name denotes the day on which a member took his seat.

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W. B. TIDBALL,	L. M. Stewart,	*Alamance.*
L. C. VASS,	George Allen, (2)	*Newbern.*
J. W. PRIMROSE, (3)	T. A. Watkins,	*Shiloh.*
J. H. FITZGERALD,	Lemuel Lynch,	*Hillsborough.*
H. T. DARNALL,		
T. J ALLISON,	Ro. Bingham, (2)	*Mebaneville.*
	D. F. Morrow,	*Bethlehem.*
J. L. CURRIE,	T H. Hughes, (2)	*Eno.*
S. M. SMITH,	C. M. Brown, (2)	*Washington.*
P. R. LAW,	J. A. Womack. (2)	*Pittsborough.*
J. S. WATKINS,	J. B. Burwell,	*Raleigh, First.*
D. I. CRAIG,		
L. H. BALDWIN, (3)	Dr. M. T. Savage,	*Nahalah.*
A. M. WATSON,		
22	Dr. R. A. Patterson,	*Littleton.*
	Dr. Wm. L. Stamps,	*Milton.*
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II.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. B. ANDERSON, (2)	A. J. Seagle,	*Newton.*
A. D. HEPBURN, D.D.,	W. J. Martin,	*Davidson College.*
L. MCKINNON,	C. R. White,	*Concord Town.*
P. T. PENICK,	E. P. Penick,	*Mooresville.*
J. A. RAMSAY,	J. K. Graham,	*Thyatira.*
	S. C. Rankin.	*Back Creek.*
E. F. ROCKWELL,	P. B. Kennedy,	*Tabor.*
J. RUMPLE,	W. Murdoch,	*Salisbury.*
T. G. THURSTON,	A. H. Matheson,	*Wilkesborough.*
J. M. WHAREY,	J. C. Barnhardt,	*Rocky River.*

Of the Presbytery of Orange the following Ministers were absent: G. W. Ferrill, D. Lacy, D.D., A. Currie, C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D.D., C. Miller, B. W. Mebane.

The following churches were not represented: Oakland, Geneva, Oak Hill, Red House, High Point, Winston, Hawfields, Cross Roads, Stony Creek, Oxford, Grassy Creek, Durham, Madison, Wentworth, Leaksville, Chapel Hill, Little River, Haywood, Mt. Vernon, Reidsville, Bethesda, Oregon, Oak Forest, Tarborough, Rocky Mount, Lexington, Ashborough, Springwood, Yanceyville, Graham, Company Shops, Fairfield, Mt Airy, Elkin, Griers, Speedwell, Louisburg, Horeb, Warrenton, Long's Mills.

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MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
P. P. Winn, (2)	J. M. Alexander,	*Concord, (Iredell)*
W. A. Wood, D.D,		
11	E. McNeely,	*Bethesda.*
	C. A. Johnston,	*Prospect.*
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III.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. P. McPherson,	D. A. Malloy,	*Lumber Bridge.*
	Dr. J. L. Sheppard, (2)	*Salem.*
Neill McKay, D.D.,		
G. M. Gibbs, (2)	D. McLauchlin, (2)	*Cypress.*
D. D. McBryde, (2)		
M. McQueen,	J. D. McIver, (3)	*Carthage.*
	S. E. Johnson, (2)	*Union.*
	N. Graham,	*Bethesda.*
Joseph Evans,	D. McMillan, (2)	*Big Rockfish.*
H. G. Hill,		
David Fairley,	Peter Monroe,	*Sandy Grove.*
A. N. Ferguson,		
K. M McIntyre,	W. C. Currie,	*Ben Salem.*
Roger Martin,	J. S. McQueen, (2)	*Centre.*
Wm. S. Lacy,	M. H. McIver, (2)	*Buffalo.*
12	D. B. McLean, (2)	*Antioch.*
	Peter Shaw, (2)	*Philadelphus.*
	J. D. McLeod,	*Bethel.*
	D. C. McIntyre, (2)	*Iona.*
	A. D. McLean, (2)	*Tirza.*
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Of the Presbytery of Concord, the following Ministers were absent: B. L. Beall, R. W. Boyd, J. H. Colton, A. L. Crawford, P. M. Custer, J. W. Davis, L. K. Glasgow, T. P. Johnston, T. N. Paxton, Wm. W. Pharr, J. H. Thornwell

The following Churches were not represented: Morganton, Lenoir, Unity, Franklin, Mocksville, Third Creek, Bethel, Zion, Marion, Siloam, Bethphage, Centre, Bethany, Norwood, Taylorsville, Hickory, Shiloh, Clio, Statesville, Fifth Creek, Poplar Tent, Salem, Drusilla.

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, the following Ministers were absent: H. McLean, A. McMillan, J. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. A. McRae.

The following Churches were not represented: Flat Branch, McPherson's

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IV.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
S. H. Isler, (3)		
A. McFadyen, (3)	E. N. Robinson, (2)	*Beth Car.*
	W. J. Cromartie,	*South River Chapel.*
A. Kirkland,		
J. R. Wilson, D.D.,	B. F. Hall,	*Wilmington, First.*
C. M. Payne,	Alex Sprunt,	*Wilmington, Second.*
K. McDonald,	M. H. Wootel, (3)	*White Hall.*
R. H. Chapman, D.D.		
R. B. McAlpine, (2)	T. B. Hyman,	*Goldsborough.*
8	John W. Boney,	*Rockfish.*
	I. R. Faison,	*Union.*
	James W. Boney,	*Mt. Zion.*
	A. R. Hicks, jr.	*Mt. Olive.*
	J. L. Corbett,	*Black River Chapel.*
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V.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Walter W. Pharr,	N. Monteith,	*Mallard Creek.*
S. T. Martin,		
S. C. Alexander,		
R. Z. Johnston, (3)		
W. A. McDonald,		
S. H. Chester,		
R. A. Miller, (2)		

Cameron, Bluff, Sardis, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pisgah, Barbacue, St. Paul's, Sherwood, Mt. Tabor, Lumberton, Laurinburg, Montpelier, Fayetteville, Bethlehem, Church of the Covenant, Long Street, Galatia, Laurel Hill, Smyrna, Mineral Spring, Pee Dee, Sharon, Macedonia, Shoe Heel, Euphronia, Ashpole, China Grove, Harmony, Rockingham, Lebanon, Mark's Creek, Mt. Carmel.

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington, the following Ministers were absent: D. B. Black, C. Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, D.D., B. F. Marable, J. Kelly, G. W. McMillan, H. B. Garriss, J. S. Black.

The following Churches were not represented: Hopewell, Pike, Grove, Clinton, Mt. Horeb, Brown Marsh, Elizabethtown, Oak Plain, Spring Vale, Burgaw, Mt. Williams, Topsail, Cobb's Mills, Richlands, Whiteville, White Plains, Keith, Moore's Creek, Seminary, Newport, North River, Swansborough.

Roll of Synod. Organization.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. M. McGilvary, (2)		
J. P. Gammon,		
G. L. Cook,		
M. R. Kirkpatrick,		
11	R. S. Parnett, (2)	*Hopewell.*
	James Sledge,	*Pleasant Hill.*
	R. S. White,	*Sharon.*
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Ministers, 64; Ruling Elders, 64—Total, 128.

The Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., of the Presbytery of Orange, was elected Moderator.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of the Presbytery of Concord, and the Rev. S. H. Chester, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, November 11th, 1880.

Morning Session.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, the following Ministers were absent: R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, W. N. Morrison, W. Graves, L. R. McAboy, D.D., A. W. Miller, D.D., W. B Corbett, D. T. Towles, G. D. Parks, E. H. Harding, D.D., J. J. Kennedy, Wm. H. Davis, W. E. McIlwaine, G. S. Robinson, J. F. Latimer, W. R. Atkinson.

The following Churches were not represented: Machpelah, Lebanon, Sandy Plains, Charlotte First, Olney, Union, Bethel, Waynesville, Sugar Creek, Mills River, Hendersonville, Charlotte Second, Lincolnton, Shelby, Dallas, Goshen, Paper Mill, Philadelphia, Matthews, New Hope, Long Creek, Davidson River, Unity, Castanea Grove, Pineville, Providence, Monroe, Wadesborough, Ramah, Huntersville, Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, Asheville, Oak Forest, Red Oak, Caldwell, Franklin, Morrison, Hiwassee, Hephzibah, Bethlehem, Sand Hill, Sharon, Steele Creek, Swannanoa.

Corresponding Members. Excuses for Absence. Additional Enrollment.

The Minutes of the First Day's Session were read, corrected and approved.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Session of Synod was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Rev. George Summey, of the Synod of Kentucky, the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., of the Synod of South Carolina, and the Rev. Richard S. Burwell, of the Synod of Texas, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members. The Moderator introduced these brethren to the Synod and gave them the right hand of fellowship.

The following Ministers being called on gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Synod: H. T. Darnall, P. H. Dalton, R. H. Chapman, D. D., S. C. Alexander, S. M. Smith, J. M. Wharey, C. H. Wiley.

The following Ministers also, assigned by letter satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Synod: A. Currie, Chas. Phillips, D. D., D. C. Rankin, J. H. Colton, K. M. McIntyre, James Kelly, H. B. Garriss, R. H. Morrison, D. D., J. E. Morrison, W. N. Morrison, G. D. Parks.

The following members of Synod appeared in Synod, and having given satisfactory reasons for late attendance, were duly enrolled:

Ministers.—R. B. Anderson, P. P. Winn, G. M. Gibbs, D. D. McBryde, A. McFadyen, R. A. Miller, W. M. McGilvary.

Ruling Elders.—Samuel Watkins, Geo. Allen, Robt. Bingham, T. H. Hughes, C. M. Brown, J. A. Womack, D. B. McLean, Peter Shaw, D. McLauchlin, Samuel E. Johnson, D. McMillan, D. C. McIntyre, J. S. McQueen, M. H. McIver, A. D. McLean, E. N. Robinson, R. S. Barnett.

The Rev. R. B. McAlpine, this day received by the Presbytery of Wilmington, was reported to Synod, and being present was duly enrolled.

On motion, Mr. C G. Yates was chosen temporary Treasurer.

Standing Committees. Statistical Reports referred.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1.—Bills and Overtures—E F. Rockwell, D. E. Jordan, W. J. Martin.

2.—Judicial Committee.—J. C. Alexander, R. A. Miller, R. S. White.

3.—Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.—L. McKinnon, H. G. Hill, T. B. Hyman.

4.—Minutes of the General Assembly.—J. R. Wilson, D. D., S. T. Martin, T. A. Watkins.

5.—Union Theological Seminary.—J. Rumple, W. S. Lacy, W. R. Wilson.

6.—Treasurer's Books.—C. G. Yates, Alex. Sprunt.

7.—Report of the Trustees of Synod—David Fairley, W. A. McDonald, J. K. Graham.

8.—Devotional Exercises.—J. S. Watkins, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., J. B. Burwell.

9.—Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.—F. H. Johnston, J. M. Wharey, W. Murdoch.

10.—Leave of Absence.—A. Kirkland, A. N. Ferguson, N. Monteith.

The Moderator announced the following Committees on Presbyterial Records:

1.—Orange—W. A. Wood, D. D., C. R. White.
2.—Concord.—S. M. Smith, Neill Graham.
3.—Fayetteville.—C. M. Payne, R. A. Patterson.
4.—Wilmington.—J. P. Gammon, D. A. Malloy.
5.—Mecklenburg.—Jos. Evans, M. T. Savage.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville and Wilmington were read and referred to the Committee on Statistical Reports. They are printed in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper A.)

Narratives of the State of Religion from the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville and Wilmington, were

read and referred to the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches.

Standing Rule 27, requiring the Synodical Missionary Meeting to be held Friday night, was by vote of the Synod suspended; and it was made the Order of the Day for 11 o'clock, Friday morning, to hold the Synodical Missionary Meeting.

The Synod took recess to engage in public worship.

After divine service the Synod resumed business.

The Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Home and Foreign Missions, was given leave and addressed the Synod with reference to the present necessities of the foreign field.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday evening at 7 o'clock to hear the Report of the Agent of Education, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. A. D. Hepburn, D. D., President of Davidson College, with reference to the interests of that institution.

It was made the First Order of the day for Friday afternoon, to hear the Report of the Agent of Sustentation.

It was made the Second Order of the day for Friday afternoon, to hear the Report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labour.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday morning at 10 o'clock to hear the report of the Agent of Publication.

Synod then took recess till 3 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

After recess, Synod met and resumed business.

Permission was granted Mecklenburg Presbytery to hold a *pro re nata* meeting.

The Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., of the Synod of Virginia,

Reports to Synod read and referred.

being present was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member. The Moderator introduced Dr. Hoge to the Synod and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

The Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary, and is printed in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper B.)

The nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board from the Synod was referred to the same Committee.

Reports on Systematic Beneficence from the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville and Wilmington, were read and ordered to be published in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper C.)

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod was read and referred, with books and vouchers, to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books, and is printed in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

The Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D., of the Synod of Virginia, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member The Moderator introduced Dr. Martin to the Synod, and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That all matters concerning absence and tardiness be referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

After some discussion the resolution was referred to a Special Committee to recommend to the Synod appropriate action on the subject. The Moderator appointed as said Committee, Rev. M. McQueen, Rev. G. L. Cook, and Ruling Elder Dr. Wm. L. Stamps.

Letters assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod were received from the following members of the Synod: Hector McLean, J. E. Morrison, T. N. Paxton, Charles Phillips, D. D., W. N. Morrison, Drury

Lacy, D. D., D. A. McRae, R. H. Morrison, D. D., L. R. McAboy, D. D., J. J. Kennedy, Wm. W. Pharr, J. M. Sprunt, D. D., B. F. Marable, G. W. McMillan, H. B. Garriss, A. Currie, B. L. Beall, C. Miller.

The excuses for absence from previous meetings of Synod in response to the notification of the Stated Clerk, were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. W. W. Pharr, Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald, and Ruling Elder, Dr. W. R. Wilson.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools made his report which was received and approved.

The Rev. Thomas E. Skinner, D. D., and the Rev. J. K. Howell of the Baptist Church; and the Rev. Thomas W. Smith and the Rev. Frank L. Reid of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being present in the Synod, were invited to sit as Visiting Brethren. The Moderator introduced these brethren to the Synod and gave them the right hand of fellowship.

The action of the Synod granting permission to Mecklenburg Presbytery to hold a *pro re nata* meeting was, by vote of the Synod, reconsidered. And, after some discussion, the motion to grant permission to Mecklenburg Presbytery to hold a *pro re nata* meeting, was laid on the table.

A communication touching the education of candidates for the gospel ministry, addressed to the Synod by the Rev. E. M. Richardson, the General Assembly's Secretary of Education, was read and referred to the Agent of Education.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9½ A. M.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. Walter W Pharr.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 12th, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at 9½ o'clock, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Second Day's Sessions were read, amended and approved.

Overture No. 1, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville in regard to the definite suspension of a Church member by a Session, was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Overtures No. 2, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville in regard to pronouncing the benediction by a Ruling Elder, was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Statistical Reports made report in part, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Statistical Reports of Presbyteries find in examination of these papers, that two Ministers belonging to this Synod have died since the last meeting, namely: Rev. Edward Hines, of Orange Presbytery, and Rev. Daniel Lindley, D.D., of Concord Presbytery. Your committee recommend the appointment of the following Committees to prepare and report suitable notices of the death of these brethren:

ON THE DEATH OF REV. EDWARD HINES—Rev. D. E. Jordan and Ruling Elder T. A. Watkins.

ON THE DEATH OF REV. DANIEL LINDLEY, D.D.—Rev. J. Rumple and Ruling Elder J. C. Barnhardt.

It is further recommended that the reception of these Minutes be made the Order of the Day for Saturday at 10½ o'clock A. M.

The following members of Synod appeared in Synod and having given satisfactory reasons for late attendance were duly enrolled:

Publication. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Ministers.—Robert Burwell, John W. Primrose, L. H. Baldwin, S. H. Isler, A. McFadyen, R. Z. Johnston.

Ruling Elders.—J. D. McIver, M. H. Wooten.

The several reports from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, viz., the Statistical Report, the Narrative of the State of Religion, and the Report on Systematic Benevolence, were read and appropriately referred.

The Order of the Day was announced, and the Agent of Publication made his report, which was received and approved. The resolutions appended thereto, adopted at the last meeting of the Synod, were re-affirmed, and are as follows:

Resolved, That all our Presbyteries be urged to enter upon the work of Colportage, and to prosecute it with vigour to the fullest extent of their means and opportunities.

2. That in the selection of Sabbath School literature, the preference should be given to the publications of our own Committee by our Ministers and Churches, and officers of Sabbath Schools, and heads of families.

The resolutions brought before the last meeting of the Synod touching the appointment of a Standing Committee on the State of the Church, and docketed for consideration at this meeting of the Synod, were called up from the Docket.

It was made the Third Order of the day for this afternoon to consider these resolutions.

The First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, November 2nd, 1881, at 7 o'clock P. M., was chosen as the time for the next meeting of the Synod.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed one thousand and fifty copies of the Minutes of this meeting of Synod.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presby-

tery reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made their report which was received and docketed.

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved, with certain exceptions. Synod not sustaining the exceptions, they were stricken out, and the report as amended was adopted.

The Synod receded from business for five minutes that arrangements might be made for the Synodical Missionary Meeting at this hour.

After recess, the Synod resumed business.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the Synod engaged in appropriate devotional exercises.

After which the Agent of Foreign Missions made his report, which was received and approved, and the recommendation appended thereto adopted. It is as follows:

That the Presbyteries be advised to consider the work of Foreign Missions at their Spring meetings, and instruct their Presbyterial Agents to address all the Churches, either personally, or by circular or letter, or through the N. C. PRESBYTERIAN, and urge all to forward something for the cause of Foreign Missions during the months of May and June, of every year.

Pending the consideration of this report, the Synod was addressed by the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions, and a collec-

tion was taken up for the cause of Foreign Missions, amounting to $104.65.

After other addresses on the subject, and further devotional exercises, the Synod took recess until 3 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Synod met after recess and resumed business.

The Rev. G. D. Parks, through Rev. S. H. Chester, gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod.

The First Order of the day was called, and the Agent of Sustentation made his report, which was received and approved. The following resolutions appended thereto were adopted:

1. That Synod recommend that our Presbyteries employ more vigorous efforts to so raise the standard of ministerial support that our laboring ministers shall not be compelled to engage in secular pursuits for a maintenance.

2. Synod would urge upon the Presbyteries the adoption of such measures as are calculated to foster and develop our pastoral charges and feeble churches.

The Second Order of the day was called, and the Agent of Evangelistic Labour made his report, which was received and approved.

Pending the consideration of the resolutions appended to this report, the Synod took recess until 7 o'clock.

Records of Orange Presbytery. Education.

Evening Session.

After its recess the Synod met for business.

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Order of the Day for this hour was called, and the Agent of Education made his report, which was received and approved.

In connection with the consideration of this report, Synod heard Rev. A. D. Hepburn, D. D., with reference to the claims of Davidson College.

The following resolution appended to the report was adopted:

Resolved, That the last Thursday in February, 1881, be observed as a day of prayer for the blessing of God upon our institutions of learning.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock, and was closed with prayer by the Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, November 13th, 1880.

Morning Session.

The Synod met at the appointed hour and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Third Day's Sessions were read, amended and approved.

Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Action touching excuses.

The Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery made their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them carefully and correctly kept, and recommend their approval with the following exception, viz: That from pp. 205 to 221, there is a record of a meeting which took place anterior to the last meeting of Synod, yet which was not recorded till after that meeting of Synod, as shown by its attestation by the last meeting of Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they had found nothing in the Minutes calling for the attention of Synod. This report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution introduced concerning excuses for absence and tardiness, recommended the following action, viz:

Resolved, That all excuses of absentees and for tardiness be referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Rev. W. S. Black, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being present in Synod, was invited to sit as a Visiting Brother. The Moderator introduced Mr. Black to the Synod and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

The hour for public worship having arrived, the Synod took recess for five minutes to meet in the Lecture Room.

After recess the Synod met in the Lecture Room.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz.: the resolutions appended to the report on Evangelistic Labour. After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be urged to place Evangelists in their destitute fields—that the settled Ministers be urged to do as much mis-

sionary work as possible—and that the Churches be urged to give freely to this exceedingly important work.

The Agent of Evangelistic Labour made his report on the Evangelistic Work of the Synod among the coloured people, which was received and approved.

The hour having passed by to hear the Minutes of the brethren deceased since the last meeting of Synod for which an Order of the Day was appointed, it was made the Order of the Day for this evening after divine service.

The Third Order of the day for yesterday afternoon was reached and called, viz: the consideration of the resolutions appointing a Committee on the State of the Church.

The resolutions were laid on the table.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted. It was further ordered that the address be read, on a day of public worship, to the Churches, by the pastors and stated supplies, and that a copy be forwarded to the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with a request for publication.

The report is as follows:

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

The Synod of North Carolina to the Churches under its care sendeth greeting. "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ praying always for you."

DEARLY BELOVED—At the close of another Synodical year, it is meet that we should again carefully take our reckonings, that we may know our condition as a church; where we are and whither we are tending.

The reports from the several Presbyteries on the state of religion are before us and contain facts which should fill us with profound thanksgiving to God for His continued mercy unto our people; and also, facts which show that very much remaineth to be done in the great work of perfecting the saints, and in taking possession of [the regions without, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Head and King.

Address to the Churches.

We would, Dear Brethren, record our thanksgiving to God for His goodness unto us and unto you, in so mercifully preserving the lives and health of our ministry: and notwithstanding all our unworthiness, not removing the candlestick of divine truth from its place, and not suffering the fire to be extinguished on our altars. The great interests of Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Ministerial Support, Education and Publication, during the past year, have received commendable attention. Our people in the main, at least in theory, acknowledge the obligation which rests upon them to honor the Lord with their substance. But while this is true, it is evident that as yet we have not reached the measure of duty in the matter of giving for the support and spread of our holy religion.

As a proof of this hear the unanswered cry of the heathen world imploring us to come over and help them; and see the stolid indifference and religious ignorance which brood over many of the highways and hedges within our own bounds; and especially consider the insufficient support given many of our ministers.

If we include all our Churches, city, town and country, the average salary paid the ministry in this Synod is not more than $650, and if we leave out of the count the city Churches and larger town Churches, the average salary is not above $400. The effects of this insufficient ministerial support are exceedingly sad to behold. They are these: many of our Ministers are forced into secular engagements in order to supplement their income, and live under the great life-shadow, that they neither are meeting nor can meet their ordination engagements. And many of our Churches, from lack of a more thorough and watchful ministerial oversight, "stand for awhile like the deserted temple of a deceased oracle, and then sink into a hasty age and so descend into ruin." Perhaps the worst injury a Church can inflict on herself is to support insufficiently her Minister. Such a course weakens the arm that wields the shepherd's rod, and exposes the lambs and the sheep alike to the horrors of starvation and the attacks of the enemy.

But there is another thing, Dear Brethren, to which we desire to call your attention. In reading the Scriptures, you have noticed that the people of God are called "the lights of the world," "the salt of the earth;" and they are exhorted to let their lights so shine before men that others seeing their good works may glorify our Father which is in Heaven; and, even, to be perfect as our Father which is in Heaven is perfect. The meaning of such teaching as this cannot be doubtful.

It is the Head of the Church calling upon His people to consider their true position in this world—to realize their duties both to God and man—in a word, to live out their religion. This living out our religion in the

home circle, in the business sphere, in adversity and prosperity, is, we conceive, one of the great needs of the time.

Our religious inheritance transmitted to us under God, through the suffering of our forefathers, is a goodly one. They toiled and suffered, and we are entered into their labours. Theirs was a dispensation of suffering. Ours is pre-eminently one of living out the blessed doctrines of grace we have received.

Let us then, forgetting the things which are behind, reach forth to those that are before. Let us heed the exhortations, which tell us to abhor that which is evil; to be not conformed to this world; to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow the Master. Let us draw our inspiration from the words of our enthroned Redeemer, which say: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

The Synod sends you its salutations. "Grace be with you all: Amen."

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been put into their hands, and asked to be discharged. The report was received and the request granted.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary made their report, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the documents relating to Union Theological Seminary recommend the following action:

1. The Synod acknowledges "with profound gratitude the manifest favor of God to this Seminary in years that are past, and His gracious and guiding hand during the perplexities that have environed this Institution; and to Him we look for continued direction and blessing."

2. It is gratifying that the treasurer has been able to meet the demands upon him for professors' salaries and other expenses. We are farther gratified to learn, from private sources, that the Seminary has recently become entitled to a legacy of about $20,000 from a faithful friend, an elder of the Church in Virginia.

3. The Synod is gratified by the change in session adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees.

4. The Synod re-appoints the Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D., the Rev. H. G. Hill and Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson as the Directors for the next four years.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the whole order of business of Synod be referred to a Special Committee to make report at the next stated meeting, in order to shorten the routine and simplify the business engaging the attention of the Synod.

The Moderator appointed as the Committee under this resolution, Rev. W. S. Lacy, Rev. L. C. Vass, and Rev. L. McKinnon.

The Committee on Statistical Reports submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Statistical Reports of Presbyteries respectfully report the following summary of the changes which have occurred in the Synod during the past year:

1. *Two* ministers have died, one in each of the Presbyteries of Orange and Concord.

2. *Four* ministers have been received, two into the Presbytery of Orange and two into that of Wilmington.

3. *Two* ministers have been dismissed, both from the Presbytery of Orange.

4. There have been *four* licensures, two in the Presbytery of Fayetteville and one each in the Presbyteries of Concord and Mecklenburg.

5. The pastoral relation has been dissolved *nine* times; once each in the Presbyteries of Concord and Fayetteville, twice in the Presbytery of Wilmington and five times in the Presbytery of Orange. It has been constituted *thirteen* times; once each in the Presbyteries of Concord and Wilmington, three times in the Presbytery of Fayetteville and eight times in the Presbytery of Orange.

6. *Three* new churches have been organized and enrolled; one in the Presbytery of Concord, and two (one of which is for coloured people) in the Presbytery of Orange. One church in Concord Presbytery has been dissolved.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was taken from the Docket. The report in part is as follows:

Overture No. 1. from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, has been referred to your Committee. The text of the Overture is as follows:

"The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina to answer these questions:

Overture touching Definite Suspension.

"In the case of *definite* suspension by a Church Session of a member of the Church when the time expires for which the member is suspended, does he resume his place as a member of the Church, without any specific action of the Session in the premises?

"In the event there is no evidence satisfactory to the Session of repentance for the offence for which the definite suspension is inflicted, is further action called for on the part of the Session?"

The Committee recommend the following answer:

Answer.—1. Definite suspension concludes itself and expires by limitation. The member so suspended does resume his place without further action of the Session.

2. In case there is no evidence of repentance the ends of discipline are not reached. The Session is therefore bound to take up the case again and issue it. Suspension ought not to be made definite unless evidence of repentance is given before the sentence is reached.

This report was adopted.

The Synod then receded from business until 3 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Synod met after recess and resumed business.

The Committee on the Report of the Trustees of Synod reported that no business had been put into their hands, and asked to be discharged. The report was received and the request granted.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly, which was received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these Presbyteries consist in whole of 115

Statistical Report of Synod. Report on Excuses of Absentees.

Ministers and 227 Churches, having under their care 8 Licentiates and 16 Candidates, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange	29	61	1	7
Concord	23	36	3	3
Fayetteville	19	50	2	1
Wilmington	16	33	1	...
Mecklenburg	28	47	1	5
Total	115	227	8	16

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, N. C., Wednesday, November 2d, 1881, at 7 o'clock P. M.

By order of the Synod:

WM. S. LACY.
Stated Clerk.

The Special Committee to whom were referred the excuses of absentees from previous meetings of Synod, submitted a report which was received, and, after amendment, adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine letters of excuse directed to this Synod, would report that they have attended to the duty put into their hands.

They report that these letters may be classified:

1. There are those who have not been able to attend on account of age and infirmities. Your Committee would recommend that the Rev. G. W. Ferrill and Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D., of Orange Presbytery, the Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D., and the Rev. W. N. Morrison of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Rev. Thomas N. Paxton of Concord Presbytery, in consequence of age and increasing infirmities, be excused from attendance upon the future meetings of Synod, except as it may be agreeable to them.

2. There are those who do not attend for the want of means. Your Committee suggest the following action: The Synod would recommend to the Presbyteries to take some action to secure, according to our con-

stitution, the means to defray the expenses of Ministers and delegates to Synod from the Churches which they represent.

3. There are some who confess their faults without rendering any excuse, but ask the further indulgence of Synod. While this Synod are willing to grant indulgence for the past they would enjoin upon Ministers and Sessions more fidelity for the future.

4. There are those from whom no answer has been received whatever. Your Committee recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to write to such, informing them that if they fail to respond, giving excuse for such absence, they will render themselves liable to censure of Synod.

Rev. Mr. Crestfield, a coloured Minister of the (Northern) Presbyterian Church, being present in Synod was invited to sit as a Visiting Brother. The Moderator introduced Mr. Crestfield to the Synod and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Mr. Crestfield was given leave and addressed the Synod in regard to his work among the coloured people.

The Unfinished Business was taken up, viz: the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures. The remainder of the report is as follows:

Overture No. 2, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, has been referred to your Committee. The text of the Overture is as follows:

"The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina to answer the question—

"Is it proper for a ruling elder, in closing a prayer meeting, to pronounce the Apostolic Benediction?"

The Committee recommend the following answer:

Answer.—The Apostolic Benediction is a prayer for the blessing of God. It is not customary for any but Ministers of the gospel to pronounce it, but there is no real wrong in doing so, even though it be only a private member who does it.

After considerable discussion, the following answer was adopted by the Synod as a substitute for the answer recommended by the Committee:

Answer.—The Apostolic Benediction, being not of the form of a prayer but a solemn blessing of the people of God, in the name and by

the authority of the Head of the Church, is to be regarded as a purely ministerial act.

A communication was laid before the Synod in regard to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, from Hon. Wm. R. Cox, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

The Synod adopted the following paper in response:

WHEREAS, The Oxford Orphan Asylum of North Carolina is a purely benevolent institution and is doing great good for the needy orphans of our State; therefore

Resolved, That we approve of its purposes, and suggest that the congregations within our bounds take up at their own convenience, an annual collection in behalf of that institution, and forward the sums collected in connection with any articles of food and raiment which may be contributed, to the Superintendent, Mr. J. H. Mills.

The Committee on Treasurer's Book and Account made their report which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report, books and vouchers, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty, and find the Treasurer's report correct and his books neatly kept.

We find that he has received from all of the Presbyteries $259.56; that he has paid out $243; leaving a balance in his hands of $16.56.

Your committee also find that the Synod owes $252.25, and that there is due the Synod from the Presbyteries as assessments, the sum of $352.94, one Presbytery owing $232 50 of this amount.

The action of the Synod appointing it the Order of the Day to hear the memorials of deceased Ministers after divine service this evening, was by vote of the Synod reconsidered.

The Synod then engaged in the memorial service, and the following Minute, prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was read and unanimously adopted by the rising vote of the Synod:

Minute of the Rev. Daniel Lindley, D. D.

REV. DANIEL LINDLEY, D.D.

Since the last meeting of this Synod God has been pleased to call from the labors of earth to the rest of Heaven, the Rev. Daniel Lindley, D.D., one of the oldest members of this body.

About fifty years ago Mr. Lindley went as a missionary to Port Natal, South Africa, where he labored for forty years, and was permitted to see a mighty work of grace and social regeneration take place among the inhabitants of that dark continent. In consequence of his prolonged absence in foreign lands, he was not personally known to many of the members of Synod, but the annual calling of his name kept his memory fresh in the mind of the Synod. As he was a representative of our Church in the foreign field, we rejoice in the success that crowned his labors in the service of the Master. And now that it hath pleased Him who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candle-sticks to remove one light from the Church on the earth to shine in the Heavenly City, we bow with submission to the Divine will.

We furthermore extend our sympathy and condolence to the surviving members of Father Lindley's family, and commend them to God and to the Word of His grace.

At the conclusion of the reading of this Minute, and its adoption, the Synod engaged in prayer to Almighty God, their devotions being led by the Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute touching the death of the Rev. Edward Hines was continued until the next meeting of the Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Leave of Absence would respectfully report to Synod that they have granted leave of absence to the following members:

After the Afternoon Session of Friday to the following, viz:

MINISTERS.—G. M. Gibbs, K. McDonald.

RULING ELDERS.—D. A. Malloy, Dr. J. L. Sheppard, Dr. R. A. Pat-

terson, S. Watkins, D. C. McIntyre, D. McMillan, W. C. Currie, W. J. Cromartie, Lemuel Lynch.

After the Morning Session of Saturday to the following, viz:

MINISTERS.—F. H. Johnston, J. C. Alexander, Neill McKay, D. D., A. M. Watson, G. L. Cook, H. T. Darnall, J. M. Wharey, P. H. Dalton, C. M. Payne, T. J. Allison, D. E. Jordan, D. I. Craig.

RULING ELDERS.—J. C. Barnhardt, D. F. Morrow, James W. Boney, A. D. McLean, M. H. Wooten, I. R. Faison, J. A. McLean, L. M. Stewart, Alex. Sprunt.

After the Afternoon Session of Saturday to the following, viz:

MINISTERS.—Joseph Evans, K. M. McIntyre, J. P. McPherson, David Fairley, M. McQueen, A. McFadyen, W. M. McGilvary, S. C. Alexander, A. N. Ferguson.

RULING ELDERS.—Peter Monroe, D. McLauchlin, S. E. Johnson, Peter Shaw, J. D. McIver, J. D. McLeod, D. B. McLean, E. N. Robinson, R. S. Barnett, Neill Graham, M. H. McIver.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina return sincere thanks to the people of Raleigh for their Christian hospitality to them while in session here; also to the various railroads for their kind reduction of fare; and to the Methodist and Baptist brethren for their ecclesiastical courtesies.

The Pastors of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches are requested to read this resolution from their pulpits on Sabbath morning.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made their report, which was received and approved.

The Synod then took recess until after public worship this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

After recess, the Synod met and resumed business.

Paper on Evangelization of Coloured People. Adjournment.

The Rev. L. C. Vass was appointed to prepare for the next Synod a Special Paper on the Evangelization of the coloured people.

The Roll was then called before final adjournment, and it was ascertained that the few members of the Synod who were absent without permission of the Committee on Leave of Absence were detained from this closing meeting by the exceedingly inclement weather.

The Minutes of the last day's sessions were then read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, N. C., on Wednesday, the 2d day of November, 1881, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

J. HENRY SMITH, Moderator.

J. A. Ramsay, } *Temporary Clerks.*
S. H. Chester, }

Wm. S. Lacy, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

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A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of Twenty-nine (29) Ministers and Sixty-one (61) Churches, and have under their care one licentiate (a colonred man) and seven (7) candidates.

Since the last report, there have occurred the following:

I. Changes in their membership, viz.:

(1.) Rev. Edward Hines died on the 27th of November, 1879.

(2.) Rev. D. C. Rankin was dismissed to the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, March 25th, 1880; and Rev. Wm. A. Shaw to the Presbytery of Brazos, April 29th, 1880.

(3.) Rev. L. H. Baldwin was received from the Presbytery of Newark (Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.) March 25th, and Rev. A. M. Watson from the Presbytery of Memphis, Sept. 2nd.

II. Pastoral relations have been dissolved as follows, viz.:

(1.) Rev. J. L. Currie and Fairfield Church, Jan. 8th, 1880.

(2.) Rev. Jas. H. Fitzgerald and Durham Church, March 26th.

(3.) Rev. D. E. Jordan and Oxford Church, April 29th.

(4.) Rev. B. W. Mebane and Graham Church, Sept. 2nd.

(5.) Rev. J. W. Primrose and Littleton Church, Sept. 3rd.

III. The Pastoral relation has been constituted as follows, viz:

(1.) Rev. J. W. Primrose and Grassy Creek Church, ——, 1879, and Oxford Church, October 24th, 1880.

(2.) Rev. J. L. Currie and Chapel Hill Church, Feb. 29th.

(3.) Rev. L. H. Baldwin and Tarboro Church, March 28th, and Rocky Mount Church, May 30th.

(4.) Rev. T. J. Allison and Mebaneville Church, October 3rd, and Bethlehem Church, October 17th.

(5.) Rev. H. T. Darnall and Durham Church, October 10th.

IV. Churches organized and received:

(1.) Nahalah Church in Halifax county, organized May 22d.

(2.) Ebenezer Church (c) in Newbern, enrolled according to plan of General Assembly, March 26th.

V. Rev. Messrs. Primrose and Law were re-appointed Evangelists for one year within the bounds of the Presbytery, March 27th. On the 3rd of September Mr. Primrose tendered his resignation, which was accepted to take effect October 30th.

VI. Of our Sixty-one (61) congregations, 25 are pastorates. Of the remainder, 20 are regularly supplied, and 16 are vacant.

Of our Twenty-nine (29) ministers, 17 are Pastors, one is Evangelist, 7 are Stated supplies, and 4 are infirm or without charge.

The Presbytery further reports that their next stated meeting will be held in Chapel Hill, Wednesday before the third (3rd) Sabbath in April, 1881, at 8 o'clock P. M.

By order of the Presbytery.

F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Dated October 25th, 1880.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they comprise 23 Ministers and 36 Churches, and have under their care 3 licentiates and 3 candidates; that on the 13th day of September, 1879, they dismissed C. W. Robinson, licentiate, to the care of Louisville Presbytery, Ky.; that on the 30th day of October, 1879, they licensed J. N. H. Summerell to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry; that on the 20th day of December, 1879, they dissolved the pastoral relation between P. T. Penick and Prospect Church; that on the 29th day of November, 1879, they organized the Clio Church in Iredell county, with 26 members, two ruling elders and one deacon; that on the 23rd day of April, 1880, they dismissed H. W. Flinn, licentiate, to the care of Tombeckbee Presbytery, Miss.; that on the same day they erased from the roll the name of Jefferson Church and ordered the members thereof to be enrolled as members of Wilkesboro' Church; that on the 22d day of May, 1880, they installed Rev. T. G. Thurston, Pastor of Taylorsville Church; that on the 3rd day of September, 1880, they lost by death the Rev. Daniel Lindley, D.D.; and that their next semi-annual meeting will be held at Rocky River Church, on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in April, 1881, at 11 o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina,

That, at present, they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 30 Churches, two licentiates and one candidate for the gospel ministry; that on the 16th day of November, 1879, they installed the Rev. Roger Martin, Pastor of Centre Church, and on the evening of the same day they installed him Pastor of Shoe Heel Church; that on the 23rd day of November, 1879, they installed Rev John H. Cobb, Pastor of Laurinburgh Church; that on the 24th day of April, 1880, they licensed, as probationers to preach the gospel, Messrs Frank P. Harrell and Lauchlin A. McLean; that on the 15th day of October, 1880, they dismissed Licentiate Frank P. Harrell, at his own request, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Concord, and that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. David Fairley and China Grove Church, and declared said Church vacant; and that the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be held at Buffalo Church, Moore county, N. C., on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in April, 1881, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

Shoe Heel Church, Oct. 16th, 1880.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they number 16 Ministers, and have under their care 33 Churches, and one licentiate; that on the 24th day of October, 1879, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. S. H. Isler and the Church of Cobb's Mills; that on the 1st day of January, 1880, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. B. F. Marable and the Church of Goldsboro'; that on the 25th day of October, 1879, they received the Rev. J. S. Black from the Presbytery of Chickasaw; that on the second Sabbath in July, 1880, they installed the Rev. Archibald McFadyen, Pastor of South River Chapel; that on the 11th day of November, 1880, they received the Rev. R. B. McAlpine from the Presbytery of South Alabama, and dismissed licentiate J. J. Hines to the care

of the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, and that their next stated meeting will be held at White Hall Church, Wayne county, on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in March, 1881, at 12 o'clock M.

By order of the Presbytery:

JAMES M. SPRUNT,
Stated Clerk.

Dated Nov. 11th, 1880.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

That they consist of 28 Ministers and 47 Churches, and have under their care one licentiate and 5 candidates; that on the 23rd day of March, 1880, they licensed J. L. Williams a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry; and that the next meeting will be held at Huntersville Church, Mecklenburg county, April 13th, 1881.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Lincolnton Church, Sept. 11th, 1880.

B.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Annual Report of the Trustees and Directors for the year ending April 14th, 1880, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and to the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina.

The Trustees and Directors held their annual meeting on the 13th and 14th of April, 1880. Sixteen of the twenty-three members of the corporation were present. Since the last meeting, in April, 1879, Mr. J. Harman Brown, of Baltimore, one of the Trustees, has died. He was a Ruling Elder from the Synod of Virginia and Second Vice-President of the Board. His death is a serious affliction, and this Theological Semi-

nary has lost a wise and faithful counsellor and an earnest and generous friend.

The whole number of students during 1879–'80, was fifty-one—being 21 Seniors, 22 of the Middle Class, and 8 of the Junior Class. Certificates of having completed the full course of study prescribed by the constitution, were awarded to the following gentlemen, viz: Messrs. Weisel Beale and H. M. Sydenstriker, of West Virginia; J. R. Bridges, Wm. Chinn, A. R. Cocke, Geo. W. Davis, Ch Ghiselin, W. J. Graybill, W. Ruff, C. Stokes, R. A. Wailes, and T. P. Walton, of Virginia; F. P. Harrell, L. A. McLean, and J. N. H. Summerell, of North Carolina; J. Phipps, of Tennessee; J. G. Praig, of Kentucky, and J. A. Smith, of Texas. Modified Certificates were awarded to Messrs. DeLacy Wardlaw, of Tennessee; Absalom Sydenstriker, of West Virginia; W. H. Robertson and W. H. Ochiltree, of Virginia.

From the reports of the Faculty and the Examining Committee, it appears that there has been a good degree of diligence and faithfulness in study on the part of the students. The benefit of the use of written examinations, in connection with oral, has again been made evident, and its results are satisfactory. The health of the students has been generally good.

Two hundred and six volumes have been added to the Library, making the whole number about eleven thousand. A new and commodious Library Building, both elegant and convenient, costing over $15,000, has been erected in accordance with the directions of the Trustees, from funds given by Mrs. Brown, of Baltimore, and is named as the "Brown Library Hall." The building is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy with the next term.

The Synods of North Carolina and Virginia declined to reduce the number of directors, in answer to an overture from the Board.

The condition of the finances, which has given great concern, may be seen from the statement hereto appended.

The Trustees deemed it expedient to change the time of beginning of the terms to the "first Wednesday in September, to terminate on the first Wednesday of May following."

It is gratifying to report that three of those receiving Certificates will engage in the Foreign Missionary Work.

Acknowledging with profound gratitude the manifest favor of God to this Seminary in the years that are past, and His gracious and guiding hand during perplexities that have environed this institution, to Him do we look for continued direction and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY SMITH, President.

F. N. WATKINS, Secretary.

Appendix to Report of Union Theological Seminary.

APPENDIX.

In consequence of a failure, for the first time, on the part of the State of Virginia to meet the January (1880) interest on the $116,995 of her bonds held by the corporation, the treasury has been somewhat embarrassed to meet the demands on it for salaries, scholarships and other expenses. Before the 15th April, however, these have been paid without borrowing. There have been no new investments made since April, 1879, and for a list of these the Assembly and Synods are referred to the printed reports of the institution, in the Appendix to their minutes of 1879. To meet the payments for the Library Building, sales have been made of funds donated for that purpose and invested, to the amount of $7,000, at a gain of $600 on the original cost of these securities. It is estimated that $91,150 of the investments will certainly yield $5,630 for 1880–'81. This does not, however, include the $116,995 of Virginia Registered 6's, and some other public and private securities now in liquidation or uncertain as to revenue.

TRUSTEES—Rev. Dr. J. Henry Smith, of North Carolina, President; Rev. Dr. A. Martin, of Virginia, and E. N. Hutchinson, M. D., of North Carolina, Vice-Presidents; F. N. Watkins, Farmville, Va., Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. Drs. W. Brown, J. J. Bullock, H. M. White, J. L. Kirkpatrick, C. H. Read, and Rev. C. White, of Virginia; Revs. F. H. Johnston, H. G. Hill, J. M. Atkinson, W. S. Lacy, W. W. Pharr, J. Rumple, and B. F. Marable, of North Carolina; with Elders G. Chadbourn, W. Murdoch, R. I. McDowell, of North Carolina; E. M. Armstrong and J. N. Sydenstriker, of Virginia, (one vacancy.)

FACULTY—Rev. Drs. B. M. Smith, R. L. Dabney, T. E. Peck and H. C. Alexander. (Rev. Dr. Dabney is Clerk of the Faculty.)

The next term begins September 1st, 1880, and ends May 5th, 1881.

The Postoffice address of the Professors and students is "Hampden Sidney, Va."; that of the Treasurer is "Farmville, Va." The legal title of the corporation is "The Trustees of the Union Theological Seminary, in Virginia."

F. N. WATKINS,
Sec. and Treas.

Farmville, Va., April 15, 1880.

Systematic Benevolence. Orange. Concord.

C.

REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on Systematic Benevolence for the year ending April, 1880, viz:

Forty-two churches contributed to			Sustentation,	$ 692 27
Forty	"	"	Evangelistic Fund,	621 03
Forty-one	"	"	Invalid Fund,	245 59
Thirty-nine	"	"	Foreign Missions,	1,090 73
Thirty-eight	"	"	Education,	381 77
Thirty-one	"	"	Publication,	182 56
Twenty-five	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute,	88 09
Total,				$ 3,302 04

Twenty-eight churches made collections every Sabbath.
Eight churches made collections at stated intervals.
Eleven churches have no plan.
Seven churches made no report, and one church made collections privately.

By order of the Presbytery : F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits to the Synod the following report on Systematic Benevolence for the year ending April, 1880:

32 churches contributed to			Sustentation,	$ 318 00
30	"	"	Evangelistic Work,	422 00
26	"	"	Invalid Fund,	115 00

Systematic Benevolence. Concord. Fayetteville.				
30	churches contributed to		Foreign Missions,	$1,501 00
28	"	"	Education,	220 00
28	"	"	Publication,	146 00
10	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute,	28 00
	Total,			$2,650 00

23 churches have contributed to all the objects ordered by the General Assembly; 6 to five of them; 3 to two of them; and 5 have contributed to none of them.

WM. W. PHARR, Stated Clerk.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The report of the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending April, 1880:

35	churches contributed to		Sustentation,	$ 239 35
32	"	"	Evangelistic Work,	190 42
32	"	"	Invalid Fund,	184 81
38	"	"	Foreign Missions,	679 16
32	"	"	Education,	196 24
33	"	"	Publication,	172 31
26	"	"	Institute for education of coloured Ministry,	88 29
34	"	"	Presbyterial,	352 67

Twenty-nine congregations have contributed to all the six objects of benevelence ordered by the General Assembly; four have contributed to five of them; one has contributed to three of them; three have contributed to two of them; one has contributed to one of them, and one has contributed to none of them.

REMARKS: Reports received from 39 Churches. From the following Churches no reports have been received, viz: Barbecue, Bethlehem, Sandy Grove, Mineral Spring, Cypress, Rockingham, Tirza, Harmony and Cameron.

By order of the Presbytery: J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Systematic Benevolence. Wilmington. Mecklenburg.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Report of the Presbytery of Wilmington to the Synod of North Carolina on Systematic Benevolence for the year ending 1st April, 1880:

19	churches contributed to	Sustentation,	$	147 00
17	" "	Evangelistic Work,		52 00
21	" "	Invalid Fund,		188 00
17	" "	Foreign Missions,		503 00
19	" "	Education,		63 00
18	" "	Publication,		69 00
20	" "	Presbyterial,		274 00
Pastors' salaries paid by 25 churches,				9,393 00
Congregational, 12 churches,				3,041 00
Miscellaneous, (including Tuskaloosa Institute) 6 churches,				208 00
Total,				$13,938 00

17 churches have contributed to all the objects of Benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 2 have contributed to four of them; 2 have contributed to three of them; 2 have contributed to two of them; 2 have contributed to one of them; and 8 have failed to report.

By order of the Presbytery: JAMES M. SPRUNT,
October, 1880. Stated Clerk.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports on Systematic Benevolence for the year ending April 1, 1880:

37	churches gave to	Home Missions,	$	1,089 00
38	" "	Evangelistic Fund,		708 00
32	" "	Invalid Fund,		324 00
35	" "	Foreign Missions,		1,266 00
32	" "	Education,		456 00
29	" "	Publication,		213 00
Total,				$4,056 00

That is to say: More of the Churches have contributed to Benevolent Objects, and the aggregate increase over the previous year is $334.

23	churches	gave	to	all	of	the Objects of Benevolence.
9	"	"	5	"	"	"
3	"	"	4	"	"	"
3	"	"	3	"	"	"
1	"	"	2	"	"	"
1	"	"	1	"	"	"
8	"	"	none	"	"	"

Respectfully submitted,

R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Lincolnton, N. C., September, 1880.

D.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

GREENSBORO', N. C., November 9, 1880.

REPORT OF TREASURER FROM 23 OCTOBER TO THIS DATE:

Receipts:

From Wilmington	Presbytery—	Assessment	for	1880,	$ 25 00
" Orange	"	"	"	same in part,	22 03
" "	"	"		for 1879,	65 00
" Concord	"	"		same,	37 50
" Fayetteville	"	"		same,	40 00
" "	"	"		for 1878,	49 00
" Mecklenburg,	"	"		for 1876, in part,	30 00
Total,					$259 53

Disbursements:

Balance due Treasurer at last settlement—23 October, 1879,	$ 12 98
Paid for Printing Minutes of 1879,	141 28
Paid Stated Clerk, salary and account one year to 23 Oct., 1879	88 74
Balance in Treasury this day, 9 November, 1880,	16 56
Total,	$259 56

Report of Treasurer. Reports of Synodical Agents.

The following sums are due to Synod :

Orange—balance assessment for 1880,.....		$ 42 94
Concord $37.50, and Fayetteville $40.00, for 1880,.....		77 50
Mecklenburg—balance for 1876,.....	$ 45 00	
" Assessment 1877,.....	75 00	
" 1878, 1879, 1880, $37.50 each,.....	112 50	
		232 50
		$352 94

We owe at this date as follows :

Balance to Union Theological Seminary for advances to Directors,.....	$172 25
Salary and acc't of Stated Clerk, one year to date, about	80 00
	$252 25

I submit vouchers for all payments, and my book for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. LINDSAY,
Treasurer of Synod.

E.

STATISTICS OF REPORTS OF SYNODICAL AGENTS.

(In accordance with Rule 26, Standing Rules of Synod.)

I.—SUSTENTATION.

1. *Ministerial Support*—In the Synod we have 114 ordained Ministers, 9 Licentiates, and 226 Churches.

The amount paid in salaries, according to the Assembly's minutes, is $57,821.

Concord, with 23 Ministers and 3 Licentiates, pays $11,141; Fayetteville, with 19 Ministers and 2 Licentiates, pays $9,974; Mecklenburg, with 28 Ministers and 1 Licentiate, pays $12,586; Orange, with 29 Ministers and 1 Licentiate, pays $14,727; Wilmington, with 15 Ministers and

2 Licentiates, pays $9.393. In Synod, 114 Ministers and 9 Licentiates. Total amount of salaries, $57,821.

Average salary actually paid laboring Ministers, is as follows:

Concord,	with 3689	communicants,	$655
Fayetteville,	" 5081	"	665
Mecklenburg,	" 4227	"	572
Orange,	" 3621	"	640
Wilmington,	" 1735	"	854
Synod,	18.353	"	$ 651

In obtaining this average, only laboring Ministers with charges and fully occupied have been considered.

The average salary thus estimated as paid in the Synod is $35 greater than last year. If the salaries paid in the larger towns and cities were excluded from the calculation, the average salary given village and country pastors would be much smaller than that reported.

According to the report of Presbyterial Agents, the average salary promised is:

In Concord,	$655
In Fayetteville,	714
In Mecklenburg,	
In Orange,	700
In Wilmington,	800

2. *Sustentation.*—Under this branch of Home Missions, we are accustomed to consider all funds collected, and measures taken for sustaining our more feeble Churches, supplying them with the means of grace, and providing them with houses of worship. During the year the Presbyteries have contributed to sustentation objects as follows:

	Cause.	Ass'y Com.	Rec'd	Dis'd
Concord contributed,	$ 318	$ 19	$ 0	$318
Fayetteville "	234	137	150	225
Mecklenburg "	1,089	724	0	0
Orange "	704	444	315	315
Wilmington "	107	7	0	80
In Synod,	$ 2,492	$1,331		

Some of our Presbyteries do their sustentation work through their own

committees, and others in connection with the Assembly's Committee, while some Churches or individuals, in every Presbytery, have sent their sustentation funds to the Assembly's Committee.

The Presbyteries are generally making efforts to group the more feeble churches into self-sustaining pastorates, and in several of them this policy has been adopted with a good degree of success. Of the 226 Churches in the Synod, 29 are reported vacant in the Assembly's minutes, but many of these have been supplied since the statistics in these minutes were compiled.

The following new church buildings have been reported as begun or completed in the Presbyteries during the year:

In Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 4; Mecklenburg, 2; Orange, none; Wilmington, 1.

The parsonages owned are as follows:

In Concord, 6; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 5; Orange, 5; Wilmington, 2.

3. *Invalid Fund*.—This fund is raised for the purpose of aiding disabled Ministers and their widows and orphans.

The contributions to it and the disbursements in the different Presbyteries have been as follows:

	Cause.	Ass'y Com.	Rec'd	Dis'd
Concord contributed to	$ 115	$ 67	$ 0	$ 0
Fayetteville "	179	206	120	120
Mecklenburg, "	324	261	150	150
Orange, "	234	258	185	185
Wilmington "	188	187	50	50
In Synod.....	$ 1,040	$979	$505	$505

The following families or individuals have been aided:

In Concord, none; Fayetteville, 2; Orange, 3; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 1.

4. *Relief Scheme*.—This scheme has been embraced by but three Ministers, and by no church within our bounds.

II.—EDUCATION.

1. The whole number of candidates for the Gospel Ministry, at present under the care of the Presbyteries composing this Synod, is fifteen (15). Last year the whole number of candidates reported was sixteen (16).

This year we report five beneficiaries. Last year we reported eleven.

2. The whole amount of money raised this year for the cause of Education is $1,494. Last year the amount raised was $1,349.

From the above statements, the following facts are obtained, which show the exact condition of this interest of our church in the bounds of this Synod:

(*a*) The number of candidates is one less than last year.

(*b*) The amount of money raised for this cause is $145 more this year than last year.

(*c*) While the number of candidates is substantially unchanged, and while the amount of money contributed shows an increase, yet the amount of beneficiaries is six less this year than last year.

III.—PUBLICATION.

According to the reports of the Presbyteries the sums respectively collected by them for the year ending April 1, 1880, are as follows:

Concord, $146; Fayetteville, $175; Mecklenburg, $213; Orange, $178; Wilmington, $69. Total, $781.

Compared with the amount collected the previous year there is a gain of $14.

According to the report of the Secretary of Publication, the amounts received for the same time into the Treasury at Richmond are as follows:

Concord, $29.42; Fayetteville, $88.05; Mecklenburg, $129 50; Orange, $125.28; Wilmington, $129.81 Total, $502.06.

Showing a decrease of $125.42 as compared with the receipts of last year.

Very considerable proportions of their contributions were retained in their own hands by some of the Presbyteries for the Colportage work, which fact accounts for the large excess in the amounts as reported by them, over the receipts reported by the Committee of Publication.

Eighty-nine of our two hundred and twenty-six churches, or thirty-nine per cent., reported no contributions. The membership in these

churches constitutes twenty-seven per cent. of the whole. The average contribution to this cause has been four cents per member throughout the Synod.

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the year ending April 1, 1880, there was raised for Foreign Missions in the bounds of this Synod the aggregate sum of $5,892, which is more by $988 than was raised the year before, being a little more than 32½ cents per member, an increase of 7½ cents per member over last year.

There has been increase in all the Presbyteries except Wilmington, which fell behind $25. The Presbytery of Mecklenburg leads all the others, having raised for this cause $1,742, which was more than was raised by any Presbytery in the Carolina Synods, being about 41½ cents per member.

The Sunday Schools have not done as much as they did last year: 27 Sunday Schools raised $618, while last year 33 Sunday Schools raised $634. Only one Sunday School in Wilmington Presbytery is reported as having contributed, viz: that of First Church, Wilmington, $35.30. The Sunday Schools in three of the largest Churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery raised a great deal more than was contributed by the congregation, viz: Charlotte First Church raised $59 and the Sunday School $134, Charlotte Second Church raised $5 and the Sunday School $70, Steele Creek congregation $47 and the Sunday School $86

Ladies' Missionary Societies have increased and 39 such Societies contributed, two more than last year. Nearly one-third of these are in Fayetteville Presbytery.

There are 226 Churches in the Synod, and about 169 of them are reported as helping the cause of Foreign Missions.

The largest contribution by one church was by the Statesville Church, i. e., $168, the second largest was by Wilmington First Church, i. e., $137.

Aggregating the contributions of the several Congregations, Ladies' Missionary Societies and Sunday Schools in the following places, we find this cause has been supported in several important and strong Presbyterian communities in this proportion:

Charlotte $589, Wilmington $432, Raleigh $357, Statesville $315, Newbern $163, Salisbury $155, Greensboro $128, Fayetteville $89.

If, however, the Salisbury friends had reported all they have done in this cause it is believed that place has done for Foreign Misions more than

any other place in the Synod, due much to the fact that one of the young men raised there is the only ordained missionary representing this Synod in the foreign field, viz: Rev. John W. Davis, in China.

This cause does not seem to be supported in some portions of the Synod as we think it should be. The Presbytery of Fayetteville, reporting 5,081 members—the largest in the Synod, and known to be among the most substantial and intelligent people in our connection in the State, served by devoted and beloved brethren in the ministry—raised $857 only for Foreign Missions in one year, and most of this was contributed by Ladies' Missionary Societies and Sunday Schools. In Wilmington Presbytery only one church raised money for Foreign Missions through its Sunday Schools.

About 62 churches are reported as not helping this cause: 6 in Concord, 10 in Mecklenburg, 11 in Fayetteville, 15 in Wilmington and 20 in Orange.

V.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There are 153 Sabbath Schools in our Presbyteries, of which Concord reports 30, Fayetteville 34, Mecklenburg 33, Orange 35 and Wilmington 21. They embrace 1,219 teachers and 9,531 scholars, with an average attendance of three-fourths of them, and distributed as follows: Concord 261 teachers and 2,227 scholars, Fayetteville 277 teachers and 2,071 scholars, Mecklenburg 235 teachers and 2,149 scholars, Orange 312 teachers and 2,146 scholars, Wilmington 134 teachers and 938 scholars.

A cheering increase is shown of 659 scholars over the number reported last year, and an increase of 1,304 scholars over 1878. Forty-four teachers and three hundred and ninety-eight scholars were added to the communion roll of the church, a total of 442 additions from the Sabbath Schools. Of these additions Concord and Mecklenburg furnished the largest numbers, the former 190 and the latter 132.

The contributions for school purposes amounted to $1,156, and for general benevolence $1,009, a total of $2,165. Of this sum Mecklenburg and Orange gave each over $600, Fayetteville $452, Concord $390 and Wilmington $112. But the gifts for general beneficence came from only forty-six schools, most of them reporting no separate contributions, according to the urgent recommendation of both Synod and General Assembly.

Some Mission Schools are thrown out by our Churches, and four schools

among the colored people are reported, viz: two each in Orange and Mecklenburg, with an aggregate of more than 200 scholars.

VI.—EVANGELISTIC LABOUR.

I. ORANGE PRESBYTERY does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. This Presbytery has in its bounds 60 churches, of which 42 contributed to this cause and 18 did not. The total amount raised for this cause is $500.

Orange Presbytery has no Evangelist for the whole of his time. It has two ministers employed as Evangelists, each for one-fourth of his time, and has raised $100 in the evangelistic field for their support. Settled ministers have also done something in the way of supplying feeble churches and preaching at missionary points, and with good results.

The evangelistic field in this Presbytery is reported to be large and promising. There are no less than 18 counties within the bounds of this Presbytery, with no Presbyterian Church in them. And there are 9 counties with but one Presbyterian Church each. Thus we may say, the greater part of 27 counties are destitute of Presbyterian churches and without Presbyterian preaching.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. This Presbytery has 36 churches, of which 30 gave to this cause and 6 did not. The total amount raised was $600.

Concord Presbytery has one Evangelist in the field for the whole of his time. Under the ministrations of this Evangelist 11 members have been added to Norwood Church in Stanly county. This church has completed a handsome house of worship, purchased a bell and an organ, and has pledged itself to pay next year $250 towards the salary of the Evangelist. This year Norwood Church raised $200 and the other churches of the Presbytery $400, making a total of $600 for the Evangelistic work.

Some outside work has been done by settled Ministers, especially in exploring new fields with a view of their occupation in future.

The evangelistic field in this Presbytery is both wide and promising. There are 6 counties within the bounds of Concord Presbytery that have no Presbyterian Church in them, 4 counties that have but one church each; making 10 counties which present a wide area of destitution, having little or no Presbyterian preaching.

Concord Presbytery at its Spring meeting divided its churches into two sections and appointed a committee in each to raise the funds and sup-

port an Evangelist in each region. The eastern section embraces Stanly county, and the western the territory beyond the Blue Ridge. The eastern section succeeded at once in putting Rev. J. H. Thornwell in the Stanly field and in raising his support. The western section have not yet been able to put a man in their field, but they hope soon to be able to do so. This is considered the beginning—and by the blessing of God, Concord Presbytery hopes ere long to have the gospel preached in every county in her vast field.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY co-operates with Assembly's Committee to the extent of giving 15 per cent. of its receipts for this cause to the General Assembly's Committee, and asking nothing from them. This Presbytery has 50 churches, of which 34 contributed to Evangelistic Labour and 16 did not. The total amount raised for Evangelistic Fund was $180.

Fayetteville Presbytery has no Evangelist for the whole of his time. Some missionary work has been done by settled Ministers, and one Minister has given one-fourth of his time to this work, and a Church of more than 20 members has been organized at Cameron. The field in this Presbytery seems to be nearly occupied, there being no county in the bounds of this Presbytery without a Presbyterian Church, and but one county having only one Church in it. The Evangelistic field of this Presbytery includes a large part of Montgomery county and a part of Moore county. The Presbytery has resolved to cultivate this field and has sent out two committees to spy out the land and see where an Evangelist might best labour. They hope for encouraging results.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. This Presbytery has 33 churches, of which 17 contributed to evangelistic work and 16 did not. The total amount raised for this cause was $52.

Wilmington Presbytery has no regular Evangelist, but has one licentiate engaged in missionary labours upon such a salary as can be raised in the field. Some missionary work has been done by settled Ministers and always with good results.

There are within the bounds of this Presbytery one county with no Presbyterian Church and five counties with but one in each. The missionary field is reported to be wide and promising, including the greater part of seven counties.

This Presbytery has been greatly hampered in this work by a debt contracted a few years ago. This has been all paid, and the outlook is more favorable for the future. It ought to be said further, that the main efforts of this Presbytery have been directed to grouping its feeble churches.

Three groups have been formed and supplied and the men working them are mostly engaged in Evangelistic work.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. This Presbytery has 47 churches, of which 38 contributed to this cause and 9 did not. The total amount raised for Evangelistic fund was $800.

Mecklenburg Presbytery has one Evangelist for his whole time and two for portions of their time.

This Presbytery has been employing Evangelists for years. Churches have been gathered and grouped and placed in Pastorates. Their main efforts have been directed towards building up these groups of churches, and in several cases they have been so successful that they are now ready to subdivide. The men cultivating these groups are mainly doing Evangelistic work. Settled Ministers have done much of this work in destitute regions and our cause is advancing in a very encouraging manner. Three new workers, it is expected, will be put in the field during the year to come. The Evangelistic field in this Presbytery is large and full of hope.

There are in the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery 4 counties with no Presbyterian Church in them, and 5 counties with but one Presbyterian Church in each, making the greater part of nine counties destitute of the ministrations of our church.

SUMMARY.

The Synod of North Carolina has 5 Presbyteries, 226 Churches, and 18,356 Communicants.

Of these five Presbyteries, only one (Fayetteville) co-operates with the Assembly's Committee, and that only in part.

Of the 226 churches, 161 have given to this cause and 65 have not. The total amount contributed in the Synod to Evangelistic work is not quite $2,300, an average of about 12½ cents per communicant.

Synod includes within its bounds 94 counties. Of these there are 29 counties with no Presbyterian Church, 24 counties with but one Presbyterian Church in each, and consequently 53 counties with wide areas of destitution. For this vast field there are two Evangelists employed for the whole of their time, and five Evangelists who give each one-fourth of his time to this work; and that principally in old fields and not in purely missionary territory.

II.—Evangelization of the Coloured People.

Orange Presbytery has one coloured licentiate and one church for coloured people under its care, which is now under the charge of a coloured Minister in connection with the Northern General Assembly.

There has been no collection for this cause. About $250 have been raised to aid in the support of the coloured Minister referred to, in charge of the Church in Newbern. There has been some preaching specially to the coloured people by white Ministers, and several Sabbath Schools are taught by white teachers.

Concord Presbytery reports no coloured Minister, no Church for coloured people, and no contribution to this cause. The ground is fully occupied by the Northern Presbyterian Church, which has managed this work with great success.

Fayetteville Presbytery has no coloured Minister and has made no contribution to this object. It has two Churches for coloured people under the care of white sessions. Some special preaching to the coloured people has been done by the Ministers of this Presbytery. One Minister (white) of this Presbytery preaches one-fourth of his time to the two churches above mentioned.

Wilmington Presbytery reports no coloured Minister, no Churches for coloured people, no collection raised for their evangelization. There is, however, occasional preaching by white Ministers. About $85 were raised by the Presbyterians of Wilmington to aid the work in Newbern.

Mecklenburg Presbytery has no coloured Minister and no Church for coloured people, and has made no contributions for this cause. There is special preaching for the coloured people occasionally by white Ministers, and three or four Sabbath Schools are conducted among them by white teachers.

SUMMARY.

In the Synod we have one coloured licentiate, four churches for coloured people, five or more Sabbath Schools for them taught by white teachers, and one white Minister giving one-fourth of his time to preaching to the coloured people. Besides this there is occasional preaching to them by white Ministers.

F.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

Revised October 16, 1874.

Rule 1.—All excuses for tardiness or absence rendered by members on the floor, or communicated in writing, shall be deemed satisfactory, unless a motion is made and prevails to the contrary.

Rule 2.—It shall be the duty of each member, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator stating reasons for his detention.

Rule 3.—It shall be the duty of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, to render their excuses for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board to the Synod; and if any Director shall be absent from any appointed meeting of the Board without assigning a sufficient excuse, his name shall be dropped from the roll, or his seat in the Board shall be declared vacant.

Rule 4.—The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence, and those members who leave the Synod without permission, shall be called to answer for such irregularity at the next meeting, and for this purpose the roll of members shall always be called before the final adjournment.

Rule 5.—The Synod shall call upon Ruling Elders in the same manner as upon its Ministers, for their excuses for tardiness.

Rule 6.—A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

Rule 7.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a correct and certified Roll of the Ministers, and another one of the Churches, at least ten days previous to each meeting of the Synod.

Standing Rules, continued.

RULE 8—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, whenever necessary, to issue and sign certificates for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

RULE 9.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to deposit with the Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary, and also the Librarian of Davidson College, a complete series of the Minutes of the Synod as far as published. The Presbyteries composing this body are requested to do the same with their Minutes when published.

RULE 10.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, a list of the Ministers of the Synod, with their post offices.

RULE 11.—The Stated Clerk shall have printed every year on the last page of the Minutes, a carefully prepared Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

RULE 12.—It shall be a standing Rule of this Synod to publish the names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons belonging to the Churches under its care, in the Appendix to the Minutes, at least once in every five years. And it is enjoined upon the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries, to forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, when called for, a correct list of the names of the Elders and Deacons, and their post offices, in the different Churches.

RULE 13.—Agents shall be appointed on each of the following objects of Christian Benevolence, viz: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education and Publication. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of the Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them; and the consideration of these reports shall be a special order at each meeting of Synod.

RULE 14.—The Chairman of the Sustentation Committee in each Presbytery is instructed to furnish the Synodical Agent on this subject such facts and figures as will inform him of what has been done the previous year within their bounds. And this information shall be furnished on or before the second day of the session of Synod, each year.

RULE 15.—The subject of Systematic Benevolence shall be made a standing item on the Docket of Synod, and the Presbyteries shall be called upon to make annual reports of their diligence in this matter.

Standing Rules, continued.

RULE 16.—An Agent on Sabbath Schools shall be appointed, who shall present annually before the Synod as full a report as possible of the condition and growth and prospects of the Sabbath School cause. And the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries are directed to send a copy of the annual reports to the General Assembly on Sabbath Schools, to the Synodical Agent.

RULE 17.—That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to send annually to the Treasurer of Union Theological Seminary, an amount sufficient to pay the travelling expenses of the North Carolina Directors.

RULE 18.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Synod to present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

RULE 19.—Presbyteries are required to forward the reports of their Agents of Foreign Missions, Education and Publication to the Synod's Agents, respectively, before the annual meeting.

RULE 20.—The standing Rules of Synod shall be published annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod. (See Records, October 16, 1874, page 333.)

RULE 21.—The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and since that time observed by them, are the Rules for the guidance of this Synod. (See Records, October 14, 1875, page 362.)

RULE 22.—The reports of Presbyteries to the Synod on Systematic Benevolence shall extend from April 1st to April 1st, of each year. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 392.

RULE 23.—The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, beginning with the meeting held in Greensboro, October, 1875. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 399.)

RULE 24.—A Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the statistical reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred. And this Committee shall report to Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body. (See Records, October 19, 1876, page 414.)

RULE 25.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, immediately after each Stated Meeting, to write to each absentee and to each session not represented, and to inform them that the Synod requires them to report the reason for such absence. (See Records, October 27, 1877, page 44.)

Standing Rules, continued.

RULE 26.—That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to publish in the Appendix to the Minutes, the statistics of the annual reports of Synodical Agents, when approved by Synod, and furnish the extended reports, when approved, to the editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with a request to publish. (See Records, October 26, 1876, page 102.)

RULE 27.—That the Synod will hold a Missionary Meeting on Friday night of each session; that the Agent, in addition to reading his report, be directed to secure addresses on the subject, and that a collection shall, in connection with these services, be taken up for this cause. (See Records, October 26, 1878, page 103.)

RULE 28.—That Synod hereby appoint a Synodical Agent of Evangelistic Labour, to consider and report annually on white and coloured evangelization in its bounds. (See Records, October 24, 1879, page 141.)

RULE 29.—That the Stated Clerk and the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod holds its annual session, be constituted a Committee of Enrollment, who shall at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod after the manner of the preparation of the Roll of the Assembly. And to this Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod. (See Records, October 25, 1879, page 166.)

RULE 30.—That all excuses of absentees and for tardiness be referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence. (See Records, November 13th, 1880, page 203.)

G.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1813. *Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814. *Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.

*Deceased.

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

	Moderator.	*Place of Meeting.*
1815.	*Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	*Rev Joseph Caldwell, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1819.	*Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman. D. D	Raleigh.
1820.	*Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	*Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823.	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	*Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826.	*Rev. William McPheeters, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D	Sali-bury.
	The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.	
1828.	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	*Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830.	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831.	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832.	Rev Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834.	*Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835.	*Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Sali-bury.
1836.	Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837.	*Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838.	*Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839.	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840.	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D	Danville, Virginia.
1841.	*Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842.	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843.	*Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844.	*Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845.	Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846.	Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847.	Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848.	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849.	*Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsborough.
1850.	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851.	*Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852.	*Rev. William N. Mebane	Danville, Virginia
1853.	Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854.	*Rev. A. L Watts	Concord.

*Deceased.

Moderators and Stated Clerks of the Synod.

	Moderator.	*Place of Meeting.*
1855.	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D	Greensborough.
1856.	Rev. Neill McKay	Fayetteville.
1857.	Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858.	*Rev. Jacob Doll	Newbern.
1859.	*Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860.	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861.	*Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862.	*Rev. John M Sherwood	Goldsborough.
1863.	*Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864.	*Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866.	Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D	Charlotte.
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	Newbern.
1868.	Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington.
1869.	*Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.
1870.	*Rev. S. A. Stanfield	Raleigh.
1871.	Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872.	Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D	Charlotte.
1873.	Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple	Concord.
1875.	Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876.	Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877.	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D	Goldsborough.
1879.	Rev. E. F. Rockwell	Statesville.
1880.	Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D	Raleigh.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman.	1855.	*Rev. Archibald Baker.
1818.	*Rev. Colin McIver.	1859.	*Rev. Jacob Doll.
1849.	Rev. Drury Lacy.	1878.	Rev. William S. Lacy.

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D.,
Rev. H. G. Hill,
Dr E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1884.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr,
Rev. Wm. S. Lacy,
Mr. W. Murdoch, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1883.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. J. Rumple,
Rev. B. F. Marable,
Mr. R. I. McDowell, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1882.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. F. H. Johnston,
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D.,
Mr. George Chadbourn, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1881.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Agent of Foreign Missions.
Rev. H. G. Hill.....Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. L. McKinnon.....Agent of Education.
Rev. F. H. Johnston.....Agent of Publication.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Agent of Sabbath Schools.
Rev. C M. Payne.....Agent of Evangelistic Labour.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay.....Greensborough.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Colonel John E. Brown, *Chairman*,.....Charlotte.
Colonel J. B. Rankin.....Charlotte.

Presbyterial Clerks. Roll of Ministers. Orange.

Mr. J. L. Brown.....Charlotte.
Mr. R. I. McDowell.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. H. Welbourne.....Lexington.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord.

To go out in 1883.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange.—Rev. F. H. Johnston.....Winston.
Concord.—Rev. William W. Pharr.....Mount Mourne.
Fayetteville.—Rev. J. P. McPherson.....Fayetteville.
Wilmington.—Rev. J. M. Sprunt, D. D.....Kenansville.
Mecklenburg.—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Lincolnton.

ROLL OF MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert Burwell	Raleigh.
2. George W. Ferrill	Tally Ho.
3. Drury Lacy, D. D	Charlotte.
4. A. Currie	Reidsville.
5. Thomas U. Faucette	Sassafras Fork.
6. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D	Raleigh.
7. P. H. Dalton	High Point.
8. J. Henry Smith, D. D	Greensborough.
9 F. H. Johnston	Winston.
10. D. E. Jordan	Henderson.
11. James C. Alexander	Greensborough.
12. C. N. Morrow	Mebaneville.
13. Charles Phillips, D. D	Chapel Hill.
14. C. H. Wiley	Winston.
15. William B. Tidball	Greensborough.
16. L. C. Vass	Newbern.
17. John W. Primrose	Oxford.
18. James H. Fitzgerald	Hillsborough.
19. H T. Darnall	Durham.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
20. C. Miller	Madison.
21. T. J. Allison	Mebaneville.
22. James L. Currie	Hillsborough.
23. Samuel M. Smith	Washington.
24. P. R. Law	Pittsborough.
25. John S. Watkins	Raleigh.
26. B W. Mebane	Madison.
27. D. I. Craig	Reidsville.
28 L. H. Baldwin	Tarborough.
29. A. M. Watson	Lexington.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. R. B. Anderson	Morganton.
2. B. L. Beall	Lenoir.
3. R. W. Boyd	Wood Leaf.
4. J. H Colton	Morganton.
5. A. L. Crawford	Mocksville.
6. P. M. Custer	(Unknown.)
7. John W. Davis	Soochow, China.
8. L. K. Glasgow	Davidson College.
9. A. D. Hepburn, D. D	Davidson College.
10. T. P. Johnston	Charlotte.
11. L. McKinnon	Concord.
12. T. N. Paxton	Marion.
13. P. T. Penick	Mooresville.
14. William W Pharr	Mount Mourne.
15. J. A Ramsay	Mill Bridge.
16. E. F. Rockwell	Cool Spring.
17. J. Rumple	Salisbury.
18. J. H. Thornwell	Concord.
19. T. G. Thurston	Taylorsville.
20. J. M. Wharey	Harrisburg.
21. P. P. Winn	Statesville.
22. W. A. Wood, D. D	Statesville.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1	Hector McLean	Melrose.
2.	James P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
3.	Neill McKay, D. D	Summerville.
4.	George M. Gibbs	Fayetteville.
5.	Andrew McMillan	Laurel Hill Depot.
6.	D. D. McBryde	Little River Academy.
7.	Martin McQueen	Carthage.
8.	Joseph Evans	St. Paul's.
9.	James McQueen	Swann's Station.
10.	N. T. Bowden	Little's Mills.
11.	John H. Coble	Laurinburg.
12.	Archibald McQueen	Montpelier.
13.	H. G. Hill	Fayetteville.
14.	David Fairley	Manchester.
15.	A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburg.
16.	K. M. McIntyre	Butler's Ford.
17.	Roger Martin	Shoe Heel.
18.	William S. Lacy	Jonesborough.
19.	Daniel A. McRae,	Melrose.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Duncan B. Black	Burgaw.
2.	Colin Shaw	Gravelly Hill.
3.	James M. Sprunt, D. D	Kenansville.
4.	B. F. Marable	Mount Olive.
5.	S. H. Isler	Goldsborough.
6.	James Kelly	Clarkton.
7.	A. McFadyen	Elizabethtown.
8.	A Kirkland	Teachey's.
9.	Joseph R. Wilson, D. D	Wilmington.
10.	C. M. Payne	Wilmington.
11.	G. W. McMillan	Burgaw.
12.	K. McDonald	Jericho.
13.	H. B. Garriss	Whiteville.

Roll of Ministers. Mecklenburg.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
14. Robert Hett Chapman, D. D	Goldsborough.
15. J. S. Black	Burgaw.
16 R. B. McAlpine	Goldsborough.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert H. Morrison, D. D	Lowesville.
2. James E. Morrison	Morven.
3. James D. Hall	Garibaldi.
4. William N. Morrison	Asheville.
5. William Graves	Mills River.
6. L. R. McAboy, D. D	Lynn.
7. Walter W. Pharr	Alexandriana.
8. A. W. Miller, D. D	Charlotte.
9. William B. Corbett	Pleasant Ridge.
10. D. T. Towles	Crab Tree.
11. G. D. Parks	Charlotte.
12. S. Taylor Martin	Mills River.
13. Samel C. Alexander	Rockingham.
14. E. H. Harding, D. D	Charlotte.
15. R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
16. William A. McDonald	Charlotte.
17. John J. Kennedy	Gastonia.
18 William H. Davis	Brevard.
19. William E. McIlwaine	Huntersville.
20. S. H. Chester	Lowesville.
21. G. S. Robinson	Pineville.
22. J. F. Latimer	Davidson College.
23. R. A. Miller	Monroe.
24. W. M. McGilvary	Rutherfordton.
25. J. P. Gammon	Asheville.
26. G. L. Cook	Charlotte.
27. M. R. Kirkpatrick	Franklin.
28. W. R. Atkinson	Charlotte.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

[RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY ORDER. APPROVED BY THE SYNOD -- Rule 22.]

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of Papers:
    a. Communications addressed to the body;
    b. Reports of Standing Committets;
    c. Reports of Select Committees;
    d. Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4 The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such unfinished business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the special order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect Officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, and questions of privilege, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

DOCKET

OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SALISBURY, N. C., ON WEDNESDAY, THE 2D DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1880, AT 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

I. Prayer.

II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.

III. Moderator chosen.

IV. Temporary Clerks chosen.

V. Minutes of the last meeting of Synod read.

VI. Standing Committees announced:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
4. Minutes of the General Assembly.
5. Union Theological Seminary.
6. Treasurer's Books.
7. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
8. Devotional Exercises.
9. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries. (Rule 24.)
10. Leave of Absence.

VII. Committees to review Records of Presbyteries announced:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

VIII. Excuses for absence from last meeting of Synod referred. (Rule 30.)

List of Ministers absent without excuse rendered:

Docket.

Orange Presbytery.—C. N. Morrow, B. W. Mebane.

Concord Presbytery.—R. W. Boyd, J. H. Colton, A. L. Crawford, P. M. Custer, J. W. Davis, L. K. Glasgow, T. P. Johnston, J. H. Thornwell.

Fayetteville Presbytery.—A. McMillan, J. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble.

Wilmington Presbytery.—D. B. Black, C. Shaw, J. Kelly, J. S. Black.

Mecklenburg Presbytery.—J. D. Hall, W. Graves, A. W. Miller, D. D., W. B. Corbett, D. T. Towles, E. H. Harding, D. D., Wm. H. Davis, W. E. McIlwane, G. S. Robinson, J. F. Latimer, W. R. Atkinson.

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries read and referred. (Rule 24)

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion read and referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XI. Reports of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary, read and referred.

XII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Rev. F. H. Johnston, Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D., and Mr. Geo. Chadbourn, Ruling Elder.]

XIII. Reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Benevolence read and filed:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

Docket.

XIV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Col. John E. Brown, Chairman.) read and referred.

XV. Report of Treasurer of Synod (Mr. J. H. Lindsay) read and referred.

XVI. Reports of the Synodical Agents read:

1. Sustentation—Rev. H. G. Hill.
2. Education—Rev. L. McKinnon.
3. Publication—Rev. F. H. Johnston.
4. Foreign Missions—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.
5. Sabbath Schools—Rev. L. C. Vass.
6. Evangelistic Labour—Rev. C. M. Payne.

XVII. Special Reports ordered by the last Meeting of Synod:

1. Minute of the death of Rev. Edward Hines—Rev. D. E. Jordan, Chairman. (Minutes, 1880, p. 191.)

2. Report on the Order of Business—Rev. W. S. Lacy, Chairman, (Minutes, 1880, p. 186.)

3. Paper touching the Evangelization of the Coloured People—Rev. L. C. Vass. (Minutes, 1880, p. 193.)

XVIII. Synodical Missionary Meeting, on Friday night, as provided for by Rule 27.

XIX. Time and Place of next Meeting of Synod chosen.

XX. How many copies of the Minutes shall be published?

XXI. Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly adopted.

XXII. Roll called before final adjournment. (Rule 4.)

XXIII. Minutes read and approved.

XXIV. Adjournment, with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.